

## **Tiverton Conservation Commission Regular Meeting – January 15, 2008**

PRESENT – Tom Ramotowski, Bob Stringer, Stuart Hardy, Pat Sullivan, Bonnie Kane

- Pat presented minutes from 12/18/07 meeting. Motion by Bob to approve as submitted. Seconded and passed.
- Treasurer's report. \$989.65 at end of Dec. \$178.09 to Tom = \$811.56
- Chief Blakely to come to Feb meeting mainly to discuss litter, decision was to try and stick to just the litter issue...
  - Bonnie brought up the possibility of a single "clean up day" during Tiverton April cleanup week. Massive publicity and all out on a single day. Extensive discussion followed about potential discussion w/the chief. Discussion of trash disposal.
- Pat will send **Shhhh** article to council and chief. Also discussion of invasive species in Stafford Pond.
- Discussion of new membership. Tom sent note to associate members requesting if they wished to continue. Some interest in remaining, some not. Pat has put an ad in SK requesting members for TCC and Wastewater.
- Stu discussed the Stonewall ordinance and he will continue to research especially w/Portsmouth so it can be defended before the TTC. TCC to request the ordinance be put on the council agenda to request a public hearing from TTC on the ordinance ASAP.
- Re. Black Goose NOI TCC received a letter from DEM Office of Inspection and Enforcement stating that Mr. McDonald has agreed to all the concerns of DEM's NOI as of 1/3/08, i.e. seats and tables have been reduced and they are to use disposables to reduce cleaning. Therefore DEM has rescinded the NOI. No mention was made of DEM's required actions #2, i.e. cooking. Bob will send a letter to DEM requesting clarification.
- Discussion of covering of planning board meetings. No calendar yet from PB so no coverage assigned. Stu will cover Feb meeting.
- Stu reported that at last planning board meeting
  - David Bros. Possibility to build a CVS on the old Grand Central site. Traditional big box CVS w/large parking lot in front. Concerns about small strip mall businesses (i.e. Family Ties etc.) losing their stores. 2/5/08 public hearing to be held. Stu to send a letter and show up to present TCC comments.
  - Bouchard property – probably strip mall w/40 condos up on the ridge. "some" condos to be affordable.
  - Hayden Street-Developer purchased 16 acres at end of avenue to put in a development. Would entail widening of Hayden Ave.
- Pat reported on additional litter. "poster project", new DPW director to speak with Pat re mowing of litter and dumping of trash. Two Elizabeth Megreavy & Chelsea Benjamin are THS students that volunteer with litter com.
- Wetlands – No new info from wetlands on Fish Road issues. Tom to follow up on lack of response from DEM-Wetlands to any letters of inquiry or concern sent to them by TCC. Stu

states that state law gives building officials the right to send cease and desist orders when violations are noted within the town.

- Adjourned @ 8:30

Minutes taken by Bob Stringer